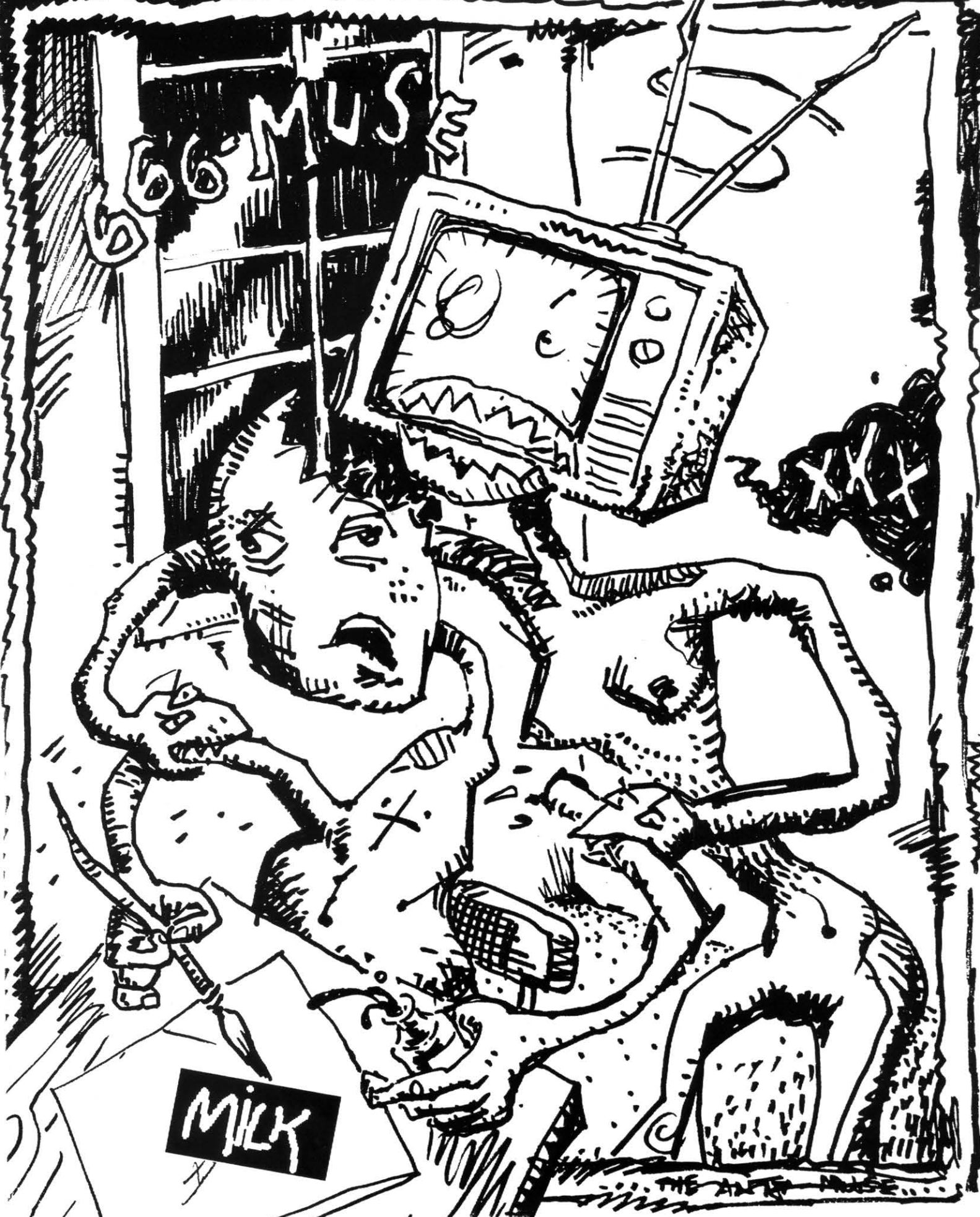




Mr. Verlin's ZON© COMIX #5

The COMIX what ASK
you to:

Question Reality



I was driving along with a friend and
LOOKING at the ROADSIDE

when
he said:

Hey! Keep
your eyes
on the road
!!!



HMMMM...
What were you looking at?
YOUR GUARDIAN ANGEL?



You know what I mean...

...THINK BACK... When you were
a kid riding in the back seat,
didn't you imagine some...
figure running beside
the car?



It's differ-
ent for
everyone!



Yea! I remember! I had one too! Strange, I'd totally forgotten!

Most people do...

Let me tell you a story: When I was young, my family was on vacation.

Suddenly, a tire blew out on the car in front of us!!



But then I felt two hands on me and saw the happy countenance I knew so well!!!

he did a double flip...



and left me safe on the roadside!!!

It was a MAJOR PILE-UP! I WAS THROWN FROM THE CAR! As Autos slammed below me...Death seemed certain!!!



Though many
were injured
badly around us,
my family escaped
with cuts and
bruises.



But I-
I was
completely
UNMARKED!



Saved by my
Guardian Angel!

But
How?!



* ...I don't know HOW... but to this day... I
STILL SEE him sometimes... dodging road-
signs, leaping over fence posts, racing
along side me..."

And as I looked
out his window
I thot I saw...

...but
NO!

**HOW COULD
IT BE?!**



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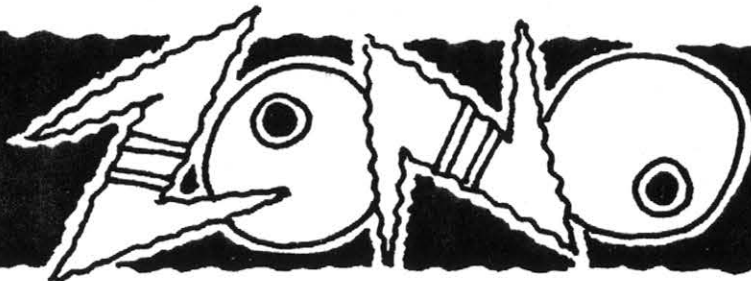
The Mole Family VACATIONS
IN SAN FRANCISCO
DURING SUMMER-TIME:



"My. WHAT a wonderful Climate...
HAVEN'T SEEN the **SUN** for **DAYS!**"

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Mr. Verlin's



Comix

"Morticia"



Maybe I had
a strange
childhood,
but when I was young
I used to think
Morticia Addams
was just **Gorgeous...**

CLICK!

CLICK!



SHE'S MUCH
too good for
GOMEZ...



Years later I heard
she had gotten
divorced from Mr.
Addams when they
both turned to a
Life of Crime!

Morticia became the
"Queen of Diamonds,"
Gomez impersonated
the Riddler on the
BATMAN TV Show...



(he never laughed
maniacally as
well as the REAL
Riddler...
and he kept his
dumb mustache.)

I don't think she
was seen for a long
time 'til the "Death
Rock" years when
she sang back-up
for the Sisters of Mercy

CLICK!
CLICK!



CLICK!
CLICK!

CLICK!

CLICK!



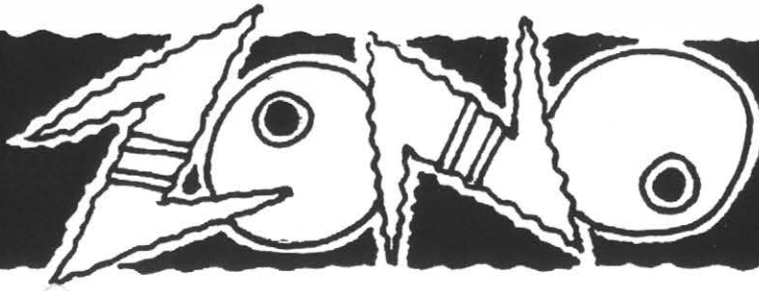
She was also seen with
Souxsie doing a dance
that had real small steps
as if one were wearing
a very tight long dress...

Now I hear there's
an **Addams Family**
Movie - but it's just
Angelica Houston
or someone unimportant.



...Not the **REAL** Morticia...

Mr. Verlin's



Comix

"X is TENSIONAL"
(WORRIES OVER THE UNKNOWN)

I tell YA
it's a REAL
PAIN
starring
in these
ZONO strips!



WHATEVER
I DO IN
THESE STRIPS
ULTIMATELY
MAKES NO
DIFFERENCE.

If there IS
AN ARTIST
WRITING
ZONO strips,
I DON'T
THINK he HAS
a PLOT...
and if he
does—WHY
THIS one?



"YOU NEVER KNOW
WHAT'S GONNA
HAPPEN NEXT"



And Now I'm
dead and
decomposing
& I'll NEVER
KNOW WHY.



THEY're
just
too MUCH
like
REAL
LIFE!



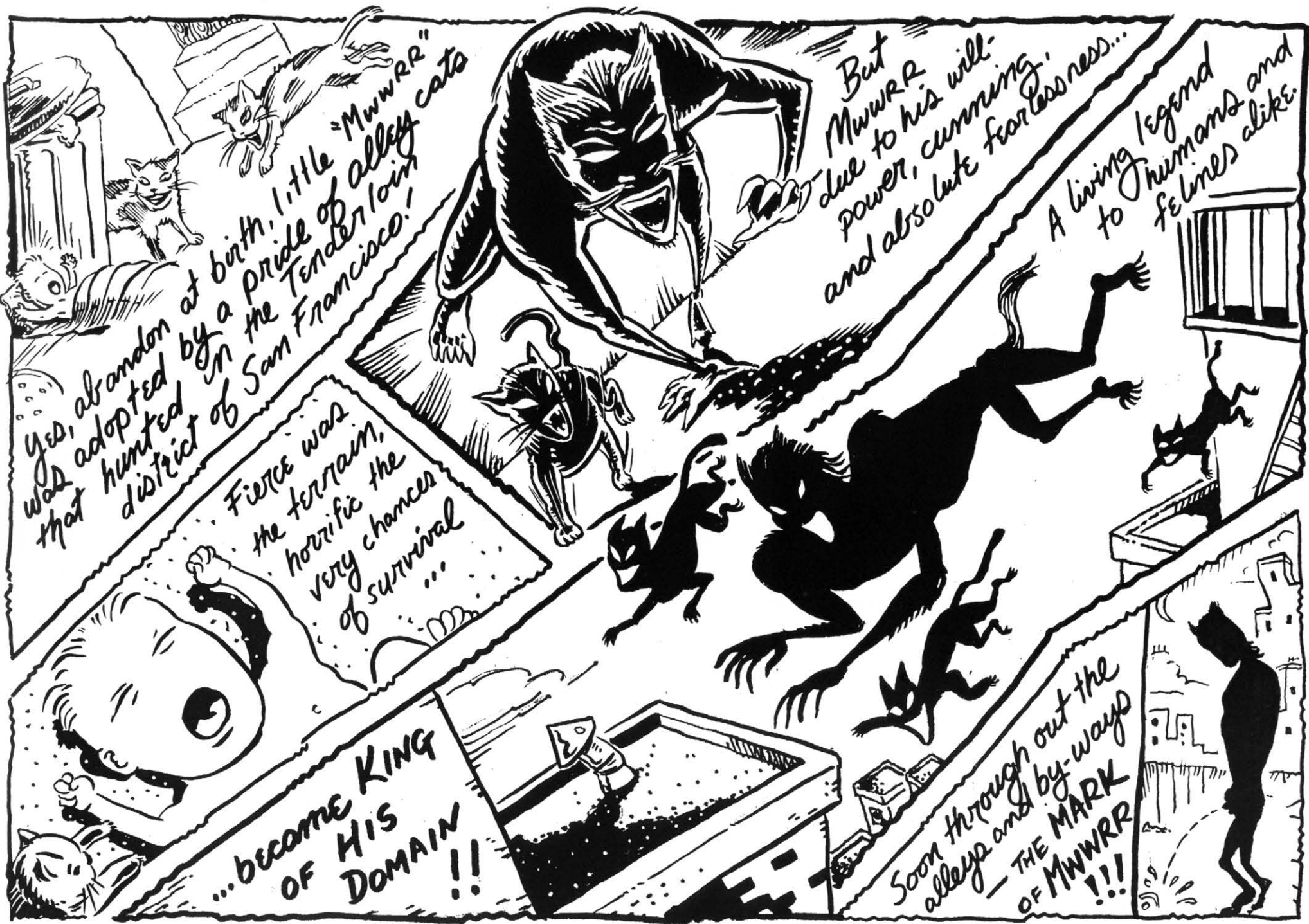
MANY ARE THE STORIES OF CHILDREN RAISED IN THE WILD...
RAISED BY WOLVES, RAISED BY APES - RAISED BY JUST ABOUT EVERY CREATURE
KNOWN TO MAN BUT THE DUCK BILL PLATYPUS! BUT NO TALE IS AS STRANGE,
NO STORY AS SCIENTIFICALLY INTERESTING AS THE AWESOME SAGA OF...

THE CAT BOY



He was a strategist of renown among the feline population, leading raids on garbage cans and one night completely ransacking a poorly locked fish market!!





yes, abandon at birth, little "Mwrrr" cats
was adopted by a pride of alley cats
that hunted in the Tenderloin
district of San Francisco!

Fierce was
the terrain,
horrific the
very chances
of survival...

...became KING
OF HIS
DOMAIN !!

But
Mwrrr
due to his will-
power, cunning,
and absolute fearlessness...

A living legend
to humans and
felines alike.

Soon through out the
alleys and by-ways
- THE MARK
OF MWRR !!!

It was
BEAUTY
killed the
beast, they say...



But MWWRR,
not knowing
the "value of a
dollar" sat on
her fence
HOWLING
for 8
nights
!!!

at
first
Rose was
interested...

MWWRR fell in love with one of
his own kind: a human female,
ROSE (who for a dollar removed
her garments in a booth at the
UNCLE AL'S GARDEN OF DELIGHTS)...

but finally called the SPCA...

And so,
the Emperor
of the Alleyways,

THE KING
OF THE
CATS!

THE
MIGHTY
MWWRR...

...was
hauled
away
and
neutered...



Often, Rose thinks that it
was possibly the biggest
mistake
she ever made!!

SIGH...
WHATTA MAN...



ROCKET JONES

IT WAS A PEACEFUL TIME. THE SIGNS OF IMPENDING TRAGEDY WERE MANY BUT MOST IGNORED THEM...

WAS THERE!!

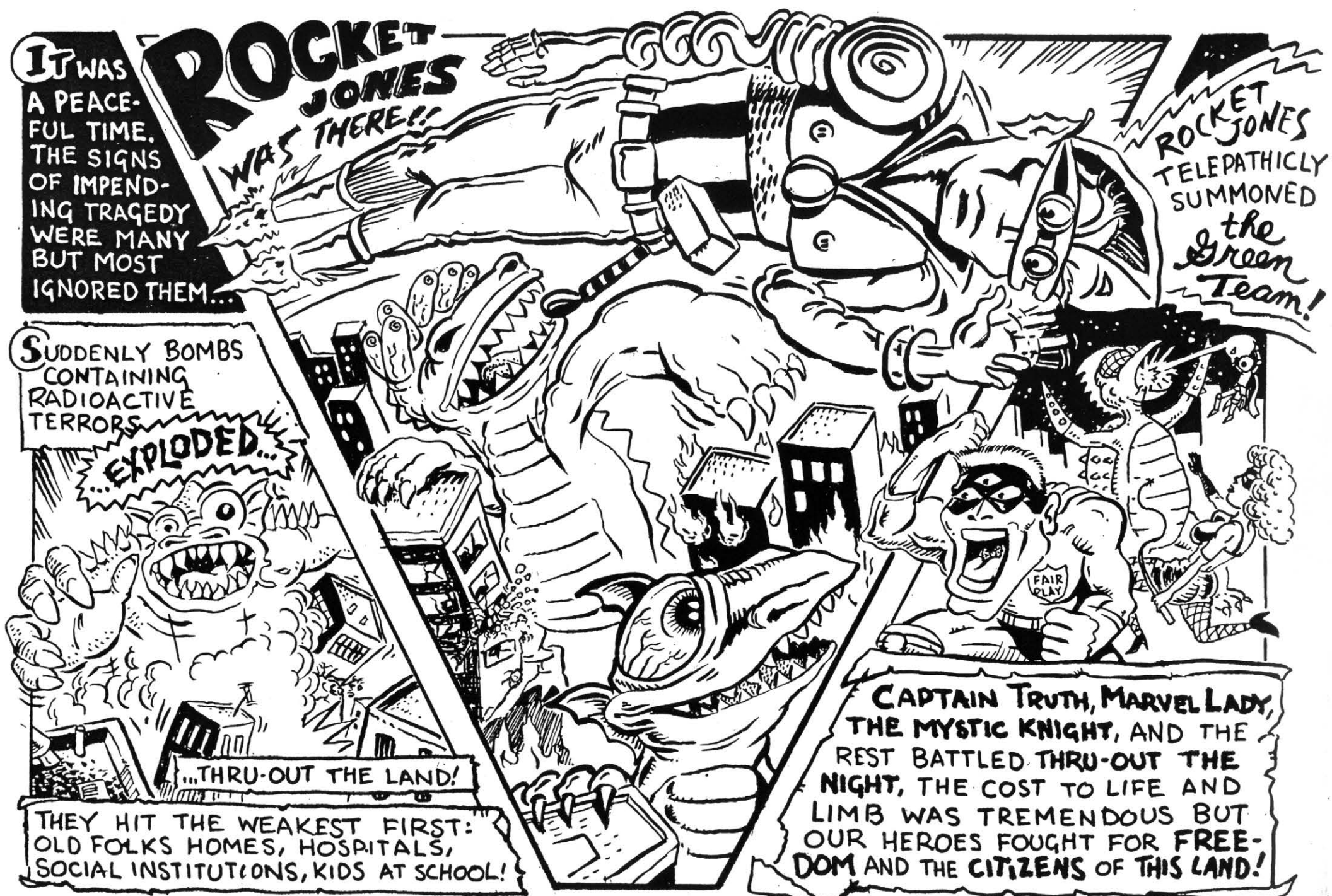
ROCKET JONES TELEPATHICLY SUMMONED the Green Team!

SUDDENLY BOMBS CONTAINING RADIOACTIVE TERRORS EXPLODED...

...THRU-OUT THE LAND!

THEY HIT THE WEAKEST FIRST: OLD FOLKS HOMES, HOSPITALS, SOCIAL INSTITUTIONS, KIDS AT SCHOOL!

CAPTAIN TRUTH, MARVEL LADY, THE MYSTIC KNIGHT, AND THE REST BATTLED THRU-OUT THE NIGHT, THE COST TO LIFE AND LIMB WAS TREMENDOUS BUT OUR HEROES FOUGHT FOR FREEDOM AND THE CITIZENS OF THIS LAND!



MUCH OF THE COUNTRY WAS IN SHAMBLES, THE ENVIRONMENT TAINTED, BUT THANKS TO THE DEDICATION OF THE HEROIC FEW, THERE WAS HOPE! AS THE BATTLE NEARED ITS CONCLUSION, ROCKET JONES FOLLOWED THE RADIATION TRAIL TO ITS SOURCE!!



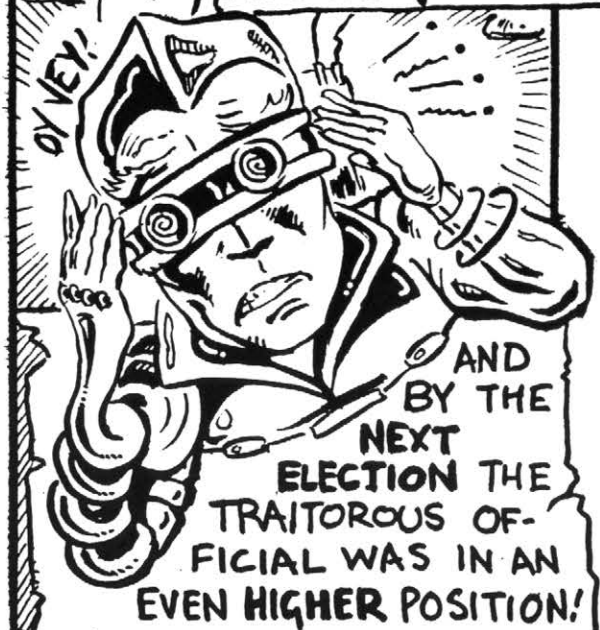
THE PATH LED TO A HIGH LEVEL GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL! THE TRAITOR WAS THEN UNMASKED AND EXPOSED AS THE SUB-HUMAN HE WAS!!



THE NEXT DAY THE CITIZENS TRUDGED TO WORK THRU THE RUINS AND WENT ABOUT THEIR NORMAL BUSINESS AS IF NOTHING HAD HAPPENED!!



...NOTHING AT ALL!



AND BY THE NEXT ELECTION THE TRAITOROUS OFFICIAL WAS IN AN EVEN HIGHER POSITION!

WHAT CAN WE DO?
CAN EVEN ROCKET JONES
SAVE US ?!!!

